

Particular attention is given to the instruction of students at the training colleges.

At almost all the teachers' training classes the majority of the men were camped in tents, the Department possessing a complete equipment for this purpose, while the women found suitable lodgings in all cases where they came from a distance. In addition to providing transit expenses teachers were maintained free in camp, or were paid a maintenance allowance up to £1 per week.

The inspection of the instruction in physical exercises as it is being carried out in the schools has been proceeded with as far as possible and as opportunity offered in the intervals between the dates fixed for the training classes. Now, however, that the classes have been completed the services of the instructors, of whom there are seven men and four women, are available for the systematic inspection of all schools; and, where required to do so, the instructors will also assist the teachers by giving object-lessons and advice for the proper conduct of physical training.

It is regretted that the death of the first Director of Physical Education, the late Mr. Royd Garlick, who died on the 20th February, 1915, has to be recorded. A man with high ideals of physical training, he was animated with an earnest desire to place physical education on a sound and scientific footing. At a later date steps will be taken to fill the vacancy by the appointment of an officer under whom the work of the medical inspection of schools and of physical education will be carried out under a common direction. In the meantime satisfactory arrangements have been made for the carrying-on of the system.

The expenditure on physical education for the year ended the 31st March, 1915, was as follows: Salaries of Director and staff, £2,771; training classes, including camps for teachers, £3,706; equipment for training classes, £224; travelling allowances and expenses, £1,800; sundries, including advertising, books, office-cleaning, freight, &c., £330: total, £8,831.

The receipts from sales of Junior Cadet equipment from schools where the cadet corps have been disbanded amounted to £590.

STAFFS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The number of teachers in the public schools, exclusive of those employed in the secondary departments of district high schools, in December, 1913, and December, 1914, respectively, was as follows:—

TABLE E.—NUMBER OF TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

			1913.			1914.		
			Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
Adult teachers	..	..	1,603	2,659	4,262	1,628	2,820	4,448
Pupil-teachers	..	..	142	474	616†	139	470	609*
Total	..	..	1,745	3,133	4,878	1,767	3,290	5,057
<i>Number of Adult Teachers (included above).</i>								
Head teachers	..	..	767	104	871	771	113	884
Sole teachers	..	..	486	812	1,298	483	829	1,312†
Assistants	..	..	350	1,743	2,093	374	1,878	2,252
Total	..	..	1,603	2,659	4,262	1,628	2,820	4,448

* Exclusive of 45 male and 278 female probationers.

† Exclusive of 41 male and 224 female probationers.

‡ The number of sole teachers does not agree with the number of sole-teacher schools because of the fact that there are a number of half-time schools groups of which are in charge of a sole teacher, and also a number of side schools the teachers of which are not regarded as sole teachers.